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Resolution 02-01 Acknowledgment and thanks to the Governor and members of the Louisiana Legislature for support of higher education in the last legislative session

September: First Reading

October: Second Reading, Revised, Passed

Presented by Senator Fran Lawrence, Substitution by Senator Carruth McGehee

Revised version

Whereas, Governor Foster and the Legislature increased salaries for educators in Louisiana, providing in particular a 7.1% salary increase for faculty on his campus; and

Whereas, Governor Foster and the Legislature worked to stabilize the State Group Benefits Program; and

Whereas, Governor Foster and the Legislature increased targeted funding to institutions of higher education in the State, providing in particular to this campus

\$9.0 million in one-time matching funds for endowed chairs and professorships,
\$7.0 million for the Information Technology Initiative,
\$3.5 million in one-time funding for library acquisitions and equipment needs,
\$3.1 million to pay a portion of unfunded mandates,

as well as substantial additional funding for the Reilly Center for Media and Public Affairs, the Louisiana Geological Survey, and the School of Veterinary Medicine;

Therefore, the Faculty Senate of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College acknowledges and thanks Governor Foster and the members of the Legislature for their support of higher education.

Further, we look forward to their continued support and further investments in education. We share the view of our state leaders that a better quality of life for Louisiana citizens can be achieved through an emphasis on educational institutions. We believe that such investments will be a vital part of Louisiana's future.

Further, we ask the Chancellor to convey this Resolution appropriately.